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In re application of:

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Shaping of Dither Signals**

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**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

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Sir:

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of the pending claims in this case. The following remarks do not disagree with the reasons for allowance, but are provided merely to clarify the record.

The reasons for allowance stated by the Examiner include reference to the two's complement format feature. This feature is recited in independent claims 1, 12, and 23. Independent claims 3, 7, 14, 18, 25, 29, and 34 do not recite or require the 2's complement format feature. These claims are allowable because they recite other features or combinations of features that are patentable over the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated August 16, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
3. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,639.00 to cover:  
  
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